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Legislative Alert

Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs

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[HOUSE BILL 4765](#)

This bill allows adoption of dogs seized for animal fighting, if deemed suitable. It also provides better due process protections for the accused.

MAPBD SUPPORTS THIS BILL:

- This bill corrects problems in the current law which prohibit the adoption of any dog, or its progeny up to the second generation, if seized for animal fighting. Many such dogs can be safely rehabilitated to be pets.
- Law enforcement, an animal control shelter, or animal protection shelter may dispose of the dog(s) by euthanasia if deemed dangerous.
- This bill also makes provisions for adequate substantive and procedural due process for the accused. Specifically:
 - The accused is given adequate notice of the reason for seizure of the animals,
 - The accused may request a hearing to determine if the costs associated with the care of the seized animal is reasonable,
 - The accused is entitled to post a security deposit or bond for the care of the animals,
 - If the accused is found not guilty, the amount of the security deposit or bond may be returned at the discretion of the court.

FOR THE ABOVE REASONS, MAPBD SUPPORTS THIS BILL.

MAPBD is a Michigan non-profit organization founded in 1964. MAPBD advocates responsible dog ownership and promotes fair and reasonable animal legislation in the state.

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